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Cal/EPA Provides Grants to Communities for Environmental Justice Projects

(SACRAMENTO) – Citing the need to provide funding to Environmental Justice (EJ) causes statewide, California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Secretary Alan C. Lloyd today announced the selection of 17 organizations for EJ grant funding. The Cal/EPA EJ Small Grants Program provides \$280,000 to eligible community-based non-profit groups, including seven tribal governments, to support environmental justice related projects in California.

“These grants will help to establish a level playing field for communities across California,” said Secretary Lloyd. “They are also a reflection of Governor Schwarzenegger’s ongoing commitment to environmental and public health protection.” At Secretary Lloyd’s urging, this one-time funding was made possible by redirecting resources within Cal/EPA.

The Cal/EPA EJ Small Grants Program was established under Assembly Bill 2312 (Statutes of 2002, Chapter 994) to provide grants to eligible non-profit organizations. The grants are intended to address environmental justice concerns for which no permanent source of funding is available.

A panel of experts within the boards, departments and offices of Cal/EPA selected recipients based on a competitive evaluation process. Grant funds will be used to support a variety of environmental and public health objectives, including education, in-home health care, water quality projects, and scientific research.

Community-based organizations receiving grant funds include the Asian Pacific Environmental Network in Oakland, Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment in Delano, and Union de Residentes por la Proteccion del Ambiente in Valencia. A complete list of grant recipients is available on the Cal/EPA Web site at www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding.

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